

## Highlights from the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Executive Committee Meeting

November 16, 7:30 a.m.

1520 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103

Executive Committee Members present: Donny Carroll, Ray Creely, Ed Hamilton, Lydia Padilla, Jeff Serocke, Darryl Chatman

Executive Committee Members not present : Len Toenjes, Herman Noah

Technical Advisor: Kelley Bernardi

WIB Director and LEO Designee: Michael Holmes

WIB staff: Sherry Vogel, Kim Neske

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Introductions and welcomes were extended. Mr. Holmes wanted the Board to know that January 26, 2011, is the St. Louis Green Economy Symposium being held at St. Louis University Student Center (contract ends January 30<sup>th</sup>). All the research being done with green jobs from RCGA will be announced. This will be an all day event. There should be some good data released. 600 companies were contacted and provided feedback. The WIB Board will be receiving invitations. Only 250 people can be housed at the location. (St. Louis University had the first masters in green jobs)

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Information was given out regarding math scores at the October 20, 2010, WIB Board meeting from the results of WIN (Worldwide Interactive Network, Inc.) test. The last Executive Committee meeting there was talk regarding remediation. SLATE has approached the St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS) AEL (Adult Education Learning) program. SLPS are going to comprise workshops in Math for SLATE in remediation in classrooms with teachers; later possibly add the component of on-line classes. The classes are free. According to the NGCC dashboard, St. Louis City has 75.20% clients fail the WIN assessment. Seventy percent of our students are in remedial in SLPS.

A new brochure "Math, Math & More Math" is being developed to get the word out. This brochure will focus on math and how it is related to jobs. The next step would be to take a test in WorkKeys; there are three levels of certificates, Bronze, Silver, and Gold, which is recognized by employers. The State is paying for WorkKeys. There needs to be a marketing campaign to businesses Statewide; a possible summit could be held in the State. WorkKeys is a standalone product.

Ray Creely updated the committee stating they were having a Youth Council meeting today, November 16, 2010, at 10:00 am. Donny Carroll, Alice Prince, along with people required to be on the council will be attending the meeting. Mr. Creely had wanted to talk today regarding the questions that were asked at the last Board meeting regarding the youth measurements.

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The State is doing LMI/WI e-learning workshops and developing courses on-line for clients. Staff will be trained first. If the Board feels like they would like a demonstration they will come to the Board.

The Executive Committee didn't feel it was necessary at this time; updates would be appreciated.

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The Graduate St. Louis update is that all the contracts are signed. This is the \$4.4 million grant with all the community colleges. The focus is to get more graduates. Mr. Holmes met yesterday with the RBC (Regional Business Council): possible partnership with them with the four year colleges. There was talk which might include doing a

summit that would include possible job openings. RBC would like a meeting with all the WIB chairs regarding their college programs.

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SLATE formally had a TANF contract and program. That project was bided out by the State and WIBs are included with whoever got the contracts. BFL (Better Family Life) has the contract for TANF not only for St. Louis City but for St. Louis County as well. SLATE will be housing (3) staff at 1520 Market , (1) person at Central West End, and there will be a TANF hub at the old Productive Futures building on Delmar. All clients will come to that hub.

Anybody that is “job ready” will come through the Career Centers and receive our regular program services; the Career Centers cannot spend money on them. The clients will have to go to the TANF hub for funding for training, school, or supportive services.

We will need to accept the contract between BFL and SLATE at the December WIB meeting. The Executive Summary will be sent out to the Board before the meeting to review.

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Kim Neske gave a financial report regarding the monthly expenditure report up to November 30<sup>th</sup> and other budget contract expenditures. A detailed discussion regarding some of the expenditures was held. These reports will be sent to the Executive Committee to review and clarify.

Darryl Chatman gave a report on the status of the 501 (c) (3). A discussion was held to determine what changes needed to be made to the bylaws for EDC (Employment Development Council of St. Louis). After changes are made the revised EDC Bylaws will be sent to the committee. Mr. Chatman said he would file *the Articles of Incorporation of a Nonprofit Corporation for Employment Development Council of St. Louis* with the Secretary of State later in the week.

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Other business brought before the committee included the Board’s Executive Committee term of office is up. The committee agreed that a nominating committee will be formed. There is a vacancy that needs to be filled.

It is still the Executive Committee’s position and policy not to have political issues addressed by visitors/members at the Executive Committee or WIB Board meetings. The Mayor is the exception.

The committee also decided to have the December 8, 2010, WIB Board meeting location changed to accommodate parking and easier access to 4811 Delmar, Central West End.

Kelley Bernardi made a motion to adjourn and Donny Carroll seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. Next WIB Meeting is December 8, 2010 at the SLATE Missouri Career Center – Central West End, at 4:00 p.m.